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**Subject: Monthly Design Progress Report No. 39 – September 2013
Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site
Walpole, MA**

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This Monthly Progress Report is submitted to United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) in compliance with reporting requirements (Section XI, paragraph 31) of the Consent Decree, Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-11263 for the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site located in Walpole, Massachusetts. This Report covers the period from September 1 - 30, 2013, and is submitted on behalf of the Settling Defendants to the Consent Decree.

Please contact one of the designated Project Coordinators (Kathryn Zeigler 314.281.5947 or Paul Bucens 617.498.2667) should you have any questions concerning this Report.

Sincerely,

Eric E. Hultstrom
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**MONTHLY DESIGN PROGRESS REPORT No. 39
BLACKBURN & UNION PRIVILEGES SUPERFUND SITE
For September 2013**

Report Date: October 9, 2013

This Monthly Progress Report is submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) documenting the activities completed during the month of September 2013 at the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site.

1. Activities that have been taken toward achieving compliance with the Consent Decree (including work plans, plans and other deliverables completed and submitted to USEPA/MassDEP):

- a. Continued preparation of the 100% Remedial Design for the soil and sediment components of the remedy.
- b. A "90 Day" pre-100% remedial design progress meeting for the sediment and floodplain soils component of the remedy with representatives from USEPA, MassDEP, Town of Walpole and the Settling Defendants was held on September 11, 2013 at the Woodard & Curran office in Dedham, MA.
- c. On September 17, 2013, the fall 2013 post-restoration monitoring inspection of Lot 33-257 was completed.
- d. On September 18, 2013, e-mail correspondence was provided to USEPA to outline restoration approaches to Lewis Pond for continued discussion. The restoration approaches were proposed to address opportunities to enhance restoration habitat, increase flood storage and limit invasive species in the restored areas.
- e. On September 23, 2013, a draft 100% Remedial Design Report - Soil was submitted to the USEPA.
- f. On September 30, 2013, comment responses were submitted to the USEPA from the fall 2012 Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Report in response to comments received on September 13, 2013 from AECOM on behalf of the USEPA. Also provided in the submittal to USEPA were updated Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) tables in advance of the fall 2013 sampling event.

2. Summary of results of sampling, tests and all other data received or generated:

- a. None this reporting period.

3. Activities planned for the next month and schedule update:

- a. Preparation of the 100% Remedial Design for the sediment and floodplain soil component of the remedy will continue.
- b. Management of investigation derived waste from the pre-design study activities will continue during October 2013.
- c. Continue preparation of a letter report to document the findings from the September 2013 post-restoration monitoring and inspection of Lot 33-257.
- d. Complete the annual surface water and groundwater monitoring event at the Site.
- e. Weather and flow conditions permitting, conduct an inspection and sampling of the culvert.

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4. Delays encountered or anticipated that may affect the future schedule for implementation of the work and associated mitigation efforts:

- a. In June, at the request of EPA, work on the 100% Remedial Design relative to the groundwater remedy component was suspended pending further discussion with local residents and other stakeholders. The Settling Defendants continue to review considerations related to siting the groundwater treatment system building associated with the surface water remedy and to work with EPA and the Town to schedule follow-up meetings with the local residents and other stakeholders.

5. Work plan or schedule modifications proposed to USEPA or approved by USEPA:

- a. None this reporting period.

6. Activities undertaken in support of the Community Relations Plan during the previous month and planned for the following month:

- a. On September 17, 2013, Woodard & Curran, on behalf of the Settling Defendants, participated in a tour hosted by USEPA, with Walpole residents and other stakeholders, of groundwater treatment buildings at the Massachusetts Military Reservation Site on Cape Cod.
- b. The Settling Defendants will continue to support USEPA in its communications with the local residents and other stakeholders relative to remedy design considerations.